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SUBJECT: DROUGHT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

REFERENCES: A. STATE 222008 (NOTAL)

B. MOGADISCIO 1507 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING UNDP RESREP TOLD US OCTOBER 26 THAT PRESIDENT SIAD HAD, WHILE IN NEW YORK AT UNGA EARLY THIS MONTH, SENT LETTER TO SYG WALDHEIM STATING DROUGHT EMERGENCY EXISTED IN SOMALIA AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. UN EXPERT IS ARRIVING FROM ROME OCTOBER 29 TO REVIEW SITUATION. MEANWHILE UNDP HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING ASCERTAIN FACTS. SOMALIS HAVE VIRTUALLY NO RELIABLE STATISTICS BUT HAVE PROMISED TO PROVIDE UNDP WITH SOME FIGURES. UNDP WILL MAKE THESE AVAILABLE TO US AND SHARE THEIR EXPERT'S FINDINGS WITH US. THEIR FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE IS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM BUT ITS SCOPE AND INTENSITY--AND HOW MUCH SOMALIS CAN DO ON THEIR OWN--NOT RPT NOT YET APPARENT.

2. GSDR WILLINGNESS TO "GO PUBLIC" ON DROUGHT

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DEMONSTRATED BY FOLLOWING PASSAGE IN PRESIDENT

IAD'S OCTOBER 21 NATIONAL DAY RADIO ADDRESS:

BEGIN QUOTE

.... EVEN IN OUR COUNTRY THE SPARKS OF DROUGHT
HAVE HIT SIX TO SEVEN REGIONS, AND DAMAGED THEIR
PRODUCTION. WE SOMALIS HAVE GREAT EXPERIENCE
IN LACK OF RAIN AND DROUGHT, BUT I THINK THAT
THIS TIME COUNTRY MIGHT HAVE TO FACE NOT A SMALL
HARDSHIP. IN FACE OF THIS EXPECTED HARDSHIP, I
WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE TO BEAR
BRUNT OF THIS HARDSHIP TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO GET
PREPARED, AND REST OF PEOPLE SHOUL PREPARE THEM-
SELVES FOR GIVING HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO MIGHT
HAVE NEED FOR HELP.

END QUOTE.

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